

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Brooks et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2195**
Serial No.: **10/751,317** §
Filed: **January 2, 2004** § Examiner: **Tang, Kenneth**
For: **Method, System, and Product for**
Defining and Managing Provisioning
States for Resources in Provisioning
Data Processing Systems § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030294US1**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 5** of this paper.